

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, South Dakota has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and angling that dates back further than the state itself and carries forward to this day; and,

*Whereas*, South Dakota's sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks to conserve fish, wildlife, and their habitat, and through their license fees, helped fund state efforts to provide for healthy and sustainable natural resources; and,

*Whereas*, Upon realizing that license fees alone were insufficient to restore and sustain healthy fish and wildlife populations, sportsmen and women supported self-imposed federal excise taxes on hunting, fishing, and boating equipment to raise additional conservation funds; and,

*Whereas*, To this day, the South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks is funded primarily by sportsmen and women, through a "user pays – public benefits" approach that is successful in fish and wildlife management; and,

*Whereas*, Last year alone, sportsmen and women generated \$51,700,000 through this system to support the conservation efforts of the South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks; and,

*Whereas*, National Hunting and Fishing Day was established in 1972 to celebrate and recognize hunters and anglers for their immense contributions to fish and wildlife conservation and to our society:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 23, 2017, as

## *HUNTING AND FISHING DAY*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Shantel Krebs*  
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State